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## INSECTS USE RADIO

Wireless Expert Discovers Electric Power in Bugs.

Cockroach Has Wave Length of Between One-Half Inch and One Inch—Sends Messages to Each Other—Accidentally Discovered.

Harrisburg, Pa.—The troublesome cockroach is a radio "fan" and communicates by wireless with his brothers and sisters.

Howard Zimmerman of Harrisburg, sergeant major of the Fifty-third Infantry brigade headquarters company, Pennsylvania National Guard, believes and has proved by thorough experiments the results of which were made public here.

The experiments, Sergeant Zimmerman said, have been under way for a year as the results of an investigation begun in a bug-infested barracks in Europe, under the direction of Captain Armstrong of the Fifth division signal corps with which Sergeant Zimmerman was serving shortly after the armistice.

"At that time we were having high school and were working on the short wave length, getting as low as one-fourth of a meter," the sergeant explained. "Radio sets were located three feet apart on a glass-topped table.

"One night everything was working perfectly when suddenly our tubes began to act queerly. By the flickering light of the candle we finally located 'Mr. Cockroach' sitting in the space between the receiving and transmitting apparatus. We removed him and, to our surprise, the apparatus became normal. This led us to believe he was capable of making electric power."

The sergeant declared one insect radio to another, and this belief, he said, is supported by his experiments.

"I have found in my experimental work," he asserted, "that a cockroach has a wave length of between one-half inch and one inch, with a very low frequency."

The tumble bug and moth are also endowed with radio power, he added, while beetles show only slight evidence of possessing wireless habits.

## UNIQUE MEMORIAL



In an upper window of one of the well-to-do houses of Cologne, Germany, is an astonishing memorial, a pair of horses' heads, facing the street.

They were carved hundreds of years ago and were placed there to commemorate one of the quaintest events in all history, by an ancient noble of the city.

The story runs that his wife died, and while he was mourning at the deathbed, his stable man ran to him and told him that his wife's horses had disappeared. When he went down to their stalls he saw that they were gone, but when he turned back to the house he saw them emerging from the death chamber and concluded that they were bringing his wife's soul to heaven. The horses were never found again, and this strange memorial was set up here in their honor.

There is an opinion that if Uncle Sam wants what the foreign countries owe him he should employ the fellow who makes the monthly calls for the installment encyclopedia.

Sometimes we wonder if the Armenians could ever be happy unless they were starving or being persecuted by the Turks.

## USE CHAPELS ON WHEELS

Methodists of Northwest Plan Extensive Campaign in Country Districts This Summer.

Seattle, Wash.—A number of district conferences of Northwest Methodist Episcopal churches advocate a chapel-on-wheels campaign this summer to cover a vast area of territory where the population is scattered. There are hundreds of hamlets, agricultural communities and isolated places where the Gospel is not now heard.

The mounted chapels are to be constructed on trucks equipped with living quarters for the parson, a platform in the rear from which services may be conducted. In the equipment will be included graphophone with Gospel records, portable organ, books of songs and Bibles for collective reading.

The first of these wheeled churches will leave here early in May for the lumber camps above Snoqualmie. The pastor in charge of the first chapel will be a student from the College of Puget Sound (Tacoma) Theological school.

## Wooden Leg as Flask.

Spartanburg, S. C.—The storied "uses of adversity" proved anything but sweet the other day for Alex Balfenger, a one-legged Spartanburg Negro. When a faint and muffled "splash, splash" was heard to accompany him as he hobbled down Main street a policeman took him in. At the station a cache in his wooden leg was found to contain a pint of liquor. The judge imposed a fine of \$100 for transporting intoxicants.

## PULLS TOOTH TO TOOT FLUTE

Schoolboy Sacrifices Crooked Incisor to Further Life's Ambition to Become a Musician.

Philadelphia.—A real martyr to music has been brought to light by Miss Winnetta L. Stacks, superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Deaconess home here. Miss Stacks in describing her efforts to inculcate music classes in settlement work, told of one small boy who confided that his life's ambition was to play the flute. The teacher struggled in vain to teach, but his lip would not pucker right.

"Joe, I guess you will never learn to blow a flute because of the way that front tooth is grown. It is in the way," she said finally.

A few days later the lad's mother returned home to find her son's face bloody, but shining with triumph. He had borrowed pliers and had pulled the tooth.

"And at the first recital of the students of the class," Miss Stacks concluded, "he blew notes on the flute."

The first German skyscraper, sixteen stories in height, is to be erected in Hamburg. But the Germans call it a "cloud-scraper."

## THE WOODS

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

## WHEN THE GEESE COME NORTH.

THEIR faint "honk-honk" announces them,  
The geese when they come flying north;  
Above the far horizon's hem  
From out the south they issue forth.

They weave their figures in the sky,  
They write their names upon its dome,  
And, o'er and o'er, we hear them cry  
Their cry of gladness and of home.

Now lakes shall lose their icy hold  
Upon the banks, and crocus bloom;  
The sun shall warm the river's cold  
And pierce the winter's armored gloom.

The vines upon the oaken tree  
Shall shake their wavy tresses forth,  
The grass shall wake, the rill go free—  
For, see! The geese are flying north!

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## THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

The wealthy don't get close to life;  
To common folks they can't get near.  
It's well my wages don't increase—  
I'd lose my sympathy, I fear.

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CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG

She argues against the popular belief that artists are impractical people. Miss Young is soon to be seen in a new Metro picture, "The Hands of Nara," by Richard Washburn Child.



ALICE LAKE



MAE MURRAY

She Pities the Spanish Flapper Who Has So Little Chance to Flap.



BERT LYTELL

As a Correspondence School Detective in "Sherlock Brown."

## NEWBORN DANGER IN YELLOW FEVER

May Cross Ocean in Event of Quick Transit Between American and African Tropics.

## GORGAS' WARNING RECALLED

In Former Days Time of Transit Across Atlantic Was Long Enough to Allow All Cases of Fever on Board to Kill or Cure.

Panama.—The two Portuguese aviators flying across the Atlantic from Africa to South America brings to mind a prophetic warning of the late General Gorgas. This was to the effect that when quick transportation between tropical Africa and tropical America should develop, as it eventually would, it would greatly increase the danger of the spread of yellow fever to the Eastern Hemisphere as long as the disease remained in South America, especially in Brazil.

## Days of the Slave Trade.

The reason why yellow fever did not spread from America to Africa in the days of the slave trade, as malaria did spread from Africa to America then, illustrates beautifully an important difference between the two great tropical plagues, as well as gives point and pertinence to General Gorgas' warning. Yellow fever kills or cures in a very short time; malaria may linger in the system for a very long time. In former days the time of transit across the Atlantic was long enough to allow all cases of yellow fever on board a ship to die or to recover before the voyage ended. Recovery conferred immunity on the fortunate, and if a mosquito should bite them after they reached Africa they found no germs in them to transmit to others. So it required a very quick transit to get the infection across. It is not yet positively certain that yellow fever ever did cross the ocean. General Gorgas was his way to the west coast of Africa to settle this question definitely when he died in London.

## An Important Difference.

But malaria, which seems to have originated in Africa, does not confer immunity upon those who recover from an attack. The germs may survive in the system of the sufferer for months, or even for years, in a more or less dormant state, even if acute attacks do not again develop, and these germs may infect the anopheles or malaria-carrying mosquitoes, and so enable them to infect others. In this way the African slaves brought malaria to America with them, but the slave traders did not carry back yellow fever with them to Africa—at least it is not definitely known that they did—and the long time of transit was unfavorable to any considerable transportation of the infection. It is certain that Africa has not suffered from the imported American plague of yellow fever as much as America has from the malaria imported from Africa.

## Airplane May Change This.

But the airplane may easily change all this. If the Atlantic is crossed in two or three days any member of the crew of an airplane having an infection of yellow fever may easily carry the disease to where the mosquitoes are waiting to do their part on both sides of the Atlantic. Yellow fever does not reveal itself immediately after a man is bitten by an infected mosquito.

The only safety would lie in a strict quarantine at the port of arrival in Africa or Europe, the crew and passengers all being detained under watch until the period of incubation has passed. The other remedy is to clean up South America of yellow fever, as General Gorgas so strongly urged.

## Neighbor Signalled Word of Tragedy to Engineer.

Edith Pemberton, fourteen years old, of Middletown, N. Y., was struck by a railroad express train, thrown on the pilot and carried a quarter of a mile before the engineer learned of the accident. A neighbor of the girl saw her on the pilot of the engine and signalled to the engineer with his railroad, causing him to stop the train. The girl died from her injuries.

The very best enemy of scrub-burn we know anything about, is a little discoloration in the way of shade and skin covering.

## Home Town Helps

## SEE CITIZENSHIP AS A DUTY

Happy the Community Which Has a Number of Public-Spirited Men and Women.

A good citizen is a man or woman who takes a real interest in his or her home and the community in which he or she is maintaining that home.

A good citizen is one who makes every effort within his means to make the community a better place in which to maintain the home.

A good citizen does not "forget" when election day comes round. He makes it a point to remember that it is his duty as well as his privilege to exercise the right to the ballot.

A good citizen takes the time and trouble to study the candidates in the field at election time. He looks into their records, weighs the facts concerning each one, and determines their worth as public officials. Then he votes accordingly with reasonable intelligence.

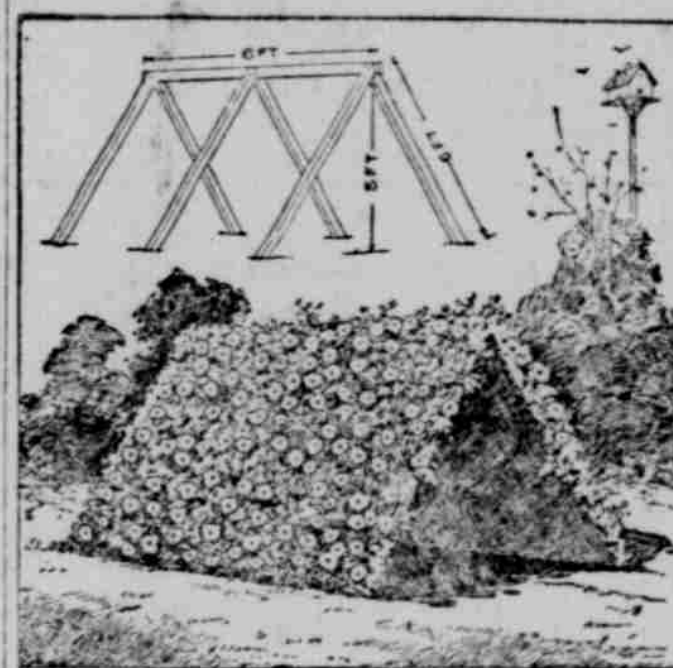
A good citizen studies the propositions that will be submitted to him at election. He weighs the value of the issues, determines from the facts as he understands them, whether the propositions are good or bad. And he votes accordingly with reasonable intelligence.

A good citizen, then, is one who fulfills his civic, home, and political duties; one who is a part of the government of himself and his fellow men through the ballot that is given him by the American Constitution. He is not a sidestepper. He meets the issues squarely and answers promptly when his name is called. He is present at the polls on election day and he knows what he is doing when he casts his ballot.—Quincy, (Ill.) Whig

## WILL DELIGHT THE CHILDREN

Vine-Covered Playhouse Which Can Be Made to Add to Appearance of the Lawn.

An attractive children's playhouse which does not spoil the appearance of the lawn, can be made as shown in the drawing. It consists of a wooden frame covered with wire netting, over which vines are grown. The frame is made of seven six-foot two-by-fours,



Vine-Covered Playhouse Pleases the Children and Does Not Injure the Appearance of the Lawn.

the rafters being set with their bases five feet apart. These are then covered with wire netting, and the seeds of wild morning-glory, clematis, or other rapid-growing vines are planted along the edges. The frame may be painted green for better appearance. In six or eight weeks, the playhouse is very attractively covered with vines and furnishes a fine place for the children to play.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

## A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Banks.

## MOTHERHOOD.

IF ALL the world were void of good  
I'd still be full of gratitude for  
Motherhood—  
The loving eye, the smiling lips,  
The touch of tender finger-tips,  
The sacrifice of self that we  
The Sons of Earth may stronger be,  
The constant care, the constant thought  
For helplessness in trial caught—  
While Motherhood remains the ring  
Of joy shall thrill the songs I sing.  
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## Chinese City Up to Date.

Trucks of the Shanghai (China) fire department are soon to be equipped with wireless telephones. The improvement is expected to enable the department at all times to keep in touch with its men while fighting fires.

## TWO SETS OF ORGANS

Man Can Swallow Water and Then Bathe in It.

Russian, "Discovered" by French Academy, Used Peculiar Talents to Fool Germans During War.

Paris.—The French Academy of Medicine, announces the discovery of what it terms a "man most fortunately constructed physiologically for braving the torrid heat wave." The man is Vladimir Bolgarsky, formerly a captain in the Russian army and since the Bolshevik revolution a refugee in Paris. According to the report, Bolgarsky has a "dual personality of digestive organs."

The multiplicity of talents possessed by these organs lend themselves to many practical uses. For instance, shower baths are scarce and over-patronized in Paris at present, but this does not annoy Bolgarsky. He simply drinks 20 glasses of ice water, which feat occupies him some three minutes, then, being thus cooled inside his trick organs return the water by way of the mouths in the same condition as when swallowed, and with such force and velocity that the stream rises to a height of six feet, falling back upon him in tiny needle-like jets like a shower.

Bolgarsky put his talents to good use while fighting on the side of the allies. The Russians had an important battery well camouflaged, but being worried that the Germans might discover it, they constructed a dummy battery at some distance. Bolgarsky was placed in a well-protected spot in front of the dummy battery and, having smoked many packages of cigarettes and swallowed the smoke, he emitted smoke in such spurts that the Germans concentrated the fire on the dummy instead of the real battery.

## STICKS IN FIRE HYDRANT

Boy Is Held Prisoner by Suction Half Hour—Six Firemen Work to Free Him.

New York.—The Dutch boy who plugged up a hole in the dyke with his hat and saved Holland from flood was a prototype of five-year-old Davey McCluskey of Harlem. Davey's arm got stuck in a fire hydrant for half an hour before six firemen took the hydrant apart and freed him.

Davey and some chums found the cap of the hydrant loose and unscrewed it. Davey shoved his left arm in up to the shoulder. When he tried to withdraw it he couldn't, because of the suction. He didn't even whimper while being rescued, and the firemen shook hands with him and called him a "game little kid."

But McCluskey, Sr., happened along, and Davey's reward was different from that of the Dutch boy.

## PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



The Bully beat up his Wife last week and he is now En Route to beat up the Editor for Putting it in the Paper. The Editor will remind the Bully that he is merely Printing the News, not Making it, and then he will Bust the Bully over the Bean with the Mallet and set him out in the Alley to Rest Up.

The people of the United States smoked 56,000,000,000 cigarettes last year, not including the "roll your own" fags, and ten years ago the consumption was less than 7,000,000,000. Some increase, 700 per cent is, when the population increased not more than 13 per cent. We burn a few Federal Reserve notes, remarks the Houston Post, as we journey through this vale of tears.